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## PROJECT CEASEFIRE

### **11 KC, GRANDVIEW, CHILLICOTHE RESIDENTS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 11 Kansas City, Grandview and Chillicothe, Mo., residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms. Today's indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Todd M. Byrd**, 24, and **Chantez L. Grimm**, 24, both of Kansas City, Mo., were charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being felons in possession of firearms.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Byrd** was in possession of a Burgo .22-caliber short revolver on Nov. 10, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Byrd** has two 1999 criminal felony convictions for drug trafficking and unlawful use of a weapon and two 2001 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance and knowingly burning/exploding.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Grimm** was in possession of a Glock .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Nov. 10, 2004. **Grimm** has two 2004 criminal felony convictions for sale of a controlled substance and a 2004 criminal felony conviction for resisting arrest.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jarvis T. Williams**, 25, and **Alex P. Davis**, 43, both of Kansas City, Mo., were charged

in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Williams** was a felon in possession of a Springfield Armory .40-caliber pistol on March 5, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Williams** has two 2000 criminal felony convictions for unlawful use of a weapon and attempted burglary and two 1997 criminal felony convictions for burglary and distributing a controlled substance.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Davis** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a Norinco MAK-90 Sporter 7.62 mm rifle on March 5, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Davis** was an unlawful user of marijuana at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Randall E. Rue**, 50, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Rue** was in possession of a Mossberg 12-gauge pump-action shotgun on March 23, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Rue** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, two 1998 criminal felony convictions for unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance, a 1996 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon and a 1980 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **James L. McCoy**, 28, of Chillicothe, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **McCoy** was in possession of a Winchester .22-caliber rifle on March 17, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **McCoy** has a 2004 criminal felony conviction for tampering, a 2002 criminal felony conviction for tampering, a 1998 criminal felony conviction for stealing and two 1997 criminal felony convictions for receiving stolen property and forgery.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Daryl W. Smith**, 42, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Smith** was in possession of a Rosco Arms Vestpocket .22-caliber revolver on March 12, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Smith** has 2000, 1996 and 1993 criminal felony convictions for driving while intoxicated.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Brandon L. Walton**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Walton** was in possession of a Sturm Ruger .357-caliber revolver on March 4, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Walton** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for tampering and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Damon H. Bussey**, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Bussey** was in possession of a Davis Industries .380-caliber pistol on March 29, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Bussey** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for trafficking.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jessie J. Jordan, Jr.**, 41, of Grandview, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Jordan** was in possession of an ATM .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol on March 23, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jordan** has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was

investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department, the Jackson County Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jonathan Torres-Robledo**, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Torres-Robledo** was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber revolver on April 15, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Torres-Robledo** is an illegal alien from the country of Mexico.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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